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The Gentlemen, Clergy, Free-
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AS it is becoming every Subject belonging to the Crown to have a peculiar Regard to the Constitution under which he lives, so it is the Duty, I humbly conceive, of every Free-Citizen, maturely to consider, the great Importance a Representative in Parliament is, and there-upon to determine a Choice to him who, in all probability, is a Man of the greatest Merit, and who justly claims your Interest.

It has been observed by Mr. Lucas, a few Days ago, that a Tradesman is the only one for your Purpose; he shou'd have rather said an Apothecary: How

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far a Man of Sense will dispense with either, will, upon mature Deliberation, more fully appear, when it is consider'd by you, that this Honourable Body are the chief Regulators of the Nation, and shou'd be the Men of the most exquisite Parts in it; they should have a good Share of Oratory, and not stand as Mutes in the House, admire the Talents of the Orators, and determine Matters of Importance for the Nation, as their Fancy or Insufficiency of Reason will blindly lead them; such is the Weakness of a faithful Tradesman, well known by several, who, before, used to pay his Debts, but now he is come to have the Honour to sit in the House, to say Yes, or No, has forgot all his former Accomplishments, and has learn'd to pay nothing he ever contracts. However so great the Justice a Man of low Life may be in indifferent Matters, yet he is not to be trusted in Things of so great Moment as the Representative of a Capital City: With humble Submission, the Person, who claims your Regard, ought to be one of known Repute, of great Abilities, and one, whose firm Attachments to the Welfare of his Country is sufficiently known. How you can be Judges of a Man in Obscurity, who has never been entrul'd in any important Matter, are Things claiming your most serious Consideration.

It seems to me that Mr. Lucas leans much to the Interest of a Gentleman, who has sufficiently inform'd you of his Incapacity for so great an Office; he himself assures you, that the great Hurry of Business, in which he is employ'd, hinders him from making formal Compliments; Infirmary of Body, from Entertainments; but hopes his Friends will appear for him, and act in a becoming Manner. Whether the former proceeds from Inability I submit it to the Publick to Judge; however, it is obvious the latter must proceed from a bad Constitution, or Avarice, and

and therefore he cannot be well deem'd by you worthy of so honourable an Employ. Will his being made a Member, restore him his Health? or will it in any Measure retard his Business? If he is to be your Choice, it is reasonable to think, that when the most important Affairs may be on the Carpet, his Pillow will be his Seat, and his Thoughts the Views of Eternity. Moreover, shall a Foreigner, or the Descendant of one, claim your Notice, whilst Men who have appeared in lesser Characters than Members of the Honourable House, Natives, those whose Predecessors have had nothing in View more than your Welfare, intreat your Votes and Interest. I say shall those be set aside, who have been judged by you worthy of being Fathers of your City, who have acted in a becoming Manner in that high Station; and by their Activity in important Matters, relating to your Welfare, have distinguished their Regard for you. Will not this have some Weight on you to determine a Choice in their Favour?

Mr. *LUCAS* informs you, that those Gentlemen are Slaves to the Ministry, and Tyrants to the Citizens; that they withstood original and inherent Rights of the Commons and Citizens, contrary to Law, Equity, and good Conscience. Posts of Dignity is alledged the Cause of the former Assertion; the latter is grounded on the Government of the Hospital which was originally design'd for reduced Citizens and their Children.

As to the former Allegation it needs no farther Answer, than that you have Liberty and Property as a Refuge, if you are attack'd in your just Rights you have the Law of the Nation to flee to, and oppose those who deprive you of your Priviledges. As he has given no Instance, it must be judged without Foundation.

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The latter chiefly is a Charge against the unjust Governors of the Hospital who, he assures you, are Lords, Judges, &c. in the Kingdom. Were it to be thought that Men of undoubted Honour were not sufficient to manage justly Matters of so trifling Weight where they are committed with Things of the highest Importance, then there may be Cause of Censure; but I am confident there is no ingenuous Person but will think that those very Gentlemen are competent Judges of the Constitution, and act to the best of their Judgment to it: the Children of Freemen and Freeholders never might have made a timely Application, and the Judges, in order to shew their Zeal to support the good Intent for which it was design'd, might have compleated the Number out of the Children of Citizens of former Note, or their Offspring, which may claim their peculiar Regard. Can this be charged as a Crime to them? and shall those Babes be call'd spurious? Shall they who have been initiated in Letters and perhaps may have promising Hopes of becoming conspicuous in the Kingdom be set aside? No, certainly; it cannot be thought by any reasonable Man; and Thanks should be return'd to the Honourable Gentlemen for their Vigilance in executing their Office impartially.

Whether popular Applause upon a Subject of this Nature may be Mr. Lucas's Intent for writing, or hoping to become Apothecary to the Hospital for being silent, I shall submit it to you; but, however, I wou'd advise him, whenever he attempts it again, to write in a smooth, easy Style, and stop it so as may be understood; for certain it is, where a Subject is intended for the Satisfaction of the Publick in general, particularly Tradersmen, it should be wrote in a way that they may reap Advantage by it, otherwise it is of no Use. Every one of them have not Expositors to apply to, to unfold mysterious Terms as Mr. Lucas has

has, so, I hope, this will be a Precaution to him for the future.

The Quere now before you then is, which of the Candidates, who offer, claim your most sincere Regard? Mr. *Lucas* and *La-----* cannot have any share in your Interest, for the Reasons I before-mention'd. The Times will come to a fine Pass when a Quack Doctor is the Candidate, and a W——r the Representative. The Affairs of the City certainly must then be well managed. I would advise the former to review his Recipes, and the latter comfort himself with his Nurse, and leave Affairs of this Nature to those to whom it better belongs. Young Men cannot be deem'd by you fit for so important an Office, because their Youth has not given them such Knowledge in Trade, (which is the principal Matter wanted by you,) as to render them serviceable to you; nor can they be thought to display their Talents on a Subject to which they are Strangers, or rather Novices. Gentlemen, consider the fervent Diligence and complacent Behaviour of Sir *SAMUEL COOK*; a Gentleman, whose strict Attendance in the particular Services of this City, and whose faithful Administration in the Office of Lord Mayor, in the worst of Times, claim your particular Notice; a Gentleman of Family, whose Ancestors have distinguish'd their Regard for you; one well versed in Business, and whose Years and Activity render him expert in Trade; and he, who has served you faithfully in one Degree, may justly be thought of in the other. Let a Man of Honour and Fortune have some Share in your Thoughts, and let not any base Attempts to his Prejudice have any weight over you. May you consider your Advantage is the sincere Wish of

Gentlemen, Your most obedient,

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